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SUBJECT: ① Intercontinental Penetration Force (INTERPEN)/CSS-ABC Interest  
in Cuban Expedition

INTERPEN  
INTERCONTINENTAL  
PENETRATION FORCE  
RE: SOURCE OF PARACHUTES

Late in September 1961, [LAFD source] Dave Burt, President, Paraventures, Inc.,  
5013 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles 27, California, received the following  
letter from Gerry Hemming (alias Gerry Patrick), who is affiliated with  
the Intercontinental Penetration Force (INTERPEN) in Miami, Florida. Hemming  
also enclosed a form letter (attached) that INTERPEN sends to prospective  
volunteers.

GERALD PATRICK HEMMING

"Dear Dave,

"Sorry I haven't written sooner but we are really overworked here  
in the Cuban problem. How is everything rolling along in relation  
to the sky diving at Elsinore? What is the latest word on the T.V.  
series "RIFCERD"? When you have time could you give us some price  
estimates on parachutes. We are mainly interested in T-10s, T-7s,  
T-7 canopies (camouflage), T-7 harness\* (paratroop mod. V/quick  
release box, cotton or nylon) T-7 canopy (camouf.) packed in cargo  
container or reserve container for airdrops. Also, is anybody  
interested in making a run with one of the expeditions to make some  
movie film. CSS and ABC have been bothering hell out of us to go  
along but they want to do a big story on a run for TV and newsreel  
issue, but we must be in a position to censure and limit the story  
side to comply with security. If Para Ventures is interested, drop  
me a line. What is the latest word on Bob Sinclair and the others?

"As always,

/s/ "Gerry Hemming"

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Encl.: Original letter from Hemming  
INTERPEN form letter for volunteers

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Dear Sir,

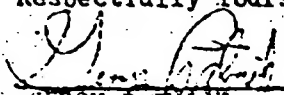
Thank you for your letter requesting information concerning our organization. We have received many letters such as yours and are pleased to find that there are thousands of young Americans that are anxious to actively participate in the fight against International Communism.

First, let me state that we are an independent and self supporting organization. Our primary mission is to provide qualified instructors for all legitimate organizations actively fighting the communists. X We feel that Americans would be in a better position to defend their country if they were trained in the arts of Guerrilla Warfare and Survival. X As a self supporting unit our present facilities are extremely limited and we are accepting only those veterans that were Special Forces trained as Guerrilla Warfare instructors, survival, parachute qualified etc. Also we suggest that prior to an individuals leaving his home he should have already purchased his own uniforms, combat equipment, have a car, and enough money to pay room and board until he can be placed with one of the units under our command. We are NOT operating as a conventional force and therefore do not have standard barrack facilities, ~~rooms~~ or pay.

Considering the aforementioned, should you still be interested in joining, we suggest that prior to your departure for Miami you contact a local SKY DIVER CLUB (Parachutists) or ex-paratroopers, and have them train you as a parachutist. After your five student jumps you should buy your own equipment (back-pack, reserve, boots, helmet, etc.). The parachute training and five student jumps should cost not more than \$40. All of our active members are parachute qualified and have contributed to the costs of equipment and aircraft.

Thank you again for you interest and if you wish to write address all mail to INTERPEN, c/o GERRY PATRICK, GENERAL DELIVERY, MIAMI, FLA.

Respectfully Yours,

CS 3094  
  
GERRY PATRICK